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In re Application of: YOSHII ET AL.

Docket No. 03560.002835.

Application No.: 09/873,342

Examiner: Chau T. Nguyen

Filed: June 5, 2001

Art Unit: 2176

For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM FOR  
PROCESSING SIGNATURE, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM THEREFOR

Date: February 23, 2006

**Mail Stop Amendment**

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	* 25	MINUS	** 31	= 0	x \$25 \$50	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 7	MINUS	*** 7	= 0	x \$100 \$200	0
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						0

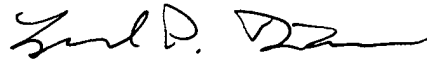
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- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the claim changes being reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 11:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 23, 2006.

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Signature

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Date of Signature